

NEBRASKA DDD WAIVER WORKGROUP: RATE METHODOLOGY
10/11/2016

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Next Meeting (date/time): TBD

Agenda: Rate setting

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Residential rate update	Courtney Miller	<p>Extensive conversations have been held with CMS. Supplemental funding is not something they will approve. Residential rate will be increased to include the days when person is not in day programming.</p> <p>CMS indicated they will instate a corrective action plan with the increase to res habilitation rate to incorporate additional dollars.</p> <p>The difference between the supplemental rate and the increase in the residential rate will still be federally matched. Striving for increased residential rate that accounts for 115 days individual is not in residential services to receive full federal match.</p>	<p>We have to present in Appendix I all of the feedback from providers. The understanding was that the rate proposed isn't enough to cover cost. Calculating with Navigant what that rate will be. Will calculate today to get to CMS. This is the last piece to put together the full waiver so we can go to our public comment period.</p> <p>As soon as rates are developed we will share the full proposed rate as it is given to CMS.</p> <p>We will submit a rate rebasing. We are working on that timeline – they want a separate timeline for anything that has to do with rebasing process (regulatory timelines, legislative timelines, etc). We were already planning on doing.</p>
Waiver start date	Courtney Miller	<p>At this point we are working as if we are going on target January 1st. Depends on how fast the contractor provides response. Rest of the package is ready to go.</p>	<p>Appendix C sent to CMS yesterday (10/10/16).</p> <p>CMS has indicated their secondary contractor is not as timely as they like. We will submit and see how long it takes them to respond.</p>

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		No changes in Oct-Dec activities. New rates are effective after first of the year.	<p>Assuming new rate methodology approved by CMS before January 1, original timeline was that we would roll out with the person's budget year under new rate methodology.</p> <p>Negotiating for a person with continuous res and day to have informed consent to switch over when new rates approved to minimize impact of loss of federal funds. Decreases would get priority and would commence new rate as soon as approved by CMS to get back to full federal match.</p> <p>Timelines depend on when we go out for public comment. If there are easy questions/comments for Appendix I and we can make changes, Jan 1 should be good. If there are more adjustments, then we would need to do a cost neutrality impact study.</p>
Contracted Provider call	Kate Bolz	Call on Friday the 14th hosted by NASP to have a Q&A session on October 1st changes. Would like questions ahead of time. Will have further guidance and information on the changes.	Get questions to Kate by the end of the day. She is compiling all questions.
Vocational Services Payment	DDD / Nebraska VR	How will waiver funds and VR funds be combined? They won't. DDD can't pay federal funds at the same time as VR. Funds can be "braided" to work together for a person. VR will be rolling out a milestone proposal in the next two weeks to get input on – will be different than it is now.	Call Judy Vohland (VR) with questions.

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Modifications budgets	Courtney Miller	We had feedback on the home and vehicle modifications about splitting the max allowance. Appendix C sent to CMS included \$10k per 5 years for each service. Still must be in budget.	
Medical Transporting	Angie Ludemann	Talked about medical transport for medical appointments. Providers heard that's a service they should bill for. Any update on provider trainings?	DDD is putting together webinars on state plan services. May be information at November 22nd NASP meeting date.

Considerations for 2017: